

## **Richard Bishop – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Richard Bishop was in Plymouth in the 1630's. He was employed by members of the William Brewster family. He married a widow who later murdered her fourteen year old daughter. She was hanged for the crime in 1648. The following year Richard was fined for theft. He moved to Eastham about 1650 where he was a farmer in the Pochet area and had a family. In 1670 he was fined for theft. Later he sold his property and left Eastham with his family.

### 1654

Granted to Richard Bishop the meadow and sedge ground on an island at the harbor mouth at Boat Meadow. PDF P8.

Granted to Richard Bishop ten acres of upland at Pochet Neck next to land of Josias Cooke. PDF P8.

Granted to Richard Bishop meadow about in the middle of the meadow at Blackfish Creek at Billingsgate next to meadow of William Twining Jr. PDF P8.

### 1659

Granted to Richard Bishop one acre of meadow at the island at the harbor's mouth and next to the creek. This appears to be another recording of the 1654 Boat Meadow grant. PDF A181, M85.

Granted to Richard Bishop ten acres at Pochet on the northwest side of Josiah Cook's land. This appears to be another recording of the 1654 ten acre Pochet grant. PDF A181, M85, S29.

### 1667

One and one-half acres of meadow at Billingsgate Meadow formerly granted to Richard Bishop was purchased by Ralph Smith. PDF A156, A181, M85, M221, S29, S32.

### 1682

Granted to Richar Bishop a small addition to his other land next to the pond and next to land belonging to William Twining. PDF A181, M85.

The land owned by Richard Bishop described in these records amounts to about twelve acres. Up to 1745 no other Bishops received Eastham land grants.